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21 November 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Director, Intelligence Community StaffFROM: 
Chief, Community Counterintelligence StaffSUBJECT: 1984 Annual National Assessment of the Hostile
Intelligence Threat and US Countermeasures 

1. Action: Your signature on the attached two memoranda. One is to the Intelligence Community informing it of the change in publication date for the annual assessment to March 1984; the other is to Mr. McFarlane informing him of the revised schedule. 

2. Background: NSDD-2 calls for publication of an annual assessment of the hostile intelligence threat and US countermeasures. Except for last year, publication was in the spring of each year. In 1983, because of a number of studies such as the "Capabilities Against the Hostile Intelligence Threat, 1983-1988" and other special studies, the publication date of the annual assessment was slipped to December 1983. However, the frequency of these studies has taxed the resources of all departments and agencies which provide input. Although we published our terms of reference (TOR) for this year's assessment in June 1983, a number of the agencies were late in their submission, one has not submitted any input as yet, and the responsiveness to the TOR, in some instances, is not deemed adequate. Additionally, preoccupation with the hostile presence options has impacted on our ability to work up the assessment. A return to the March publication date would put the assessment on a calendar year basis. 

3. Coordination: I discussed the proposal rescheduling with Kenneth deGraffenreid, NSC Staff. He sees no problem with it and asks that the NSC be sent an information memorandum only. 

4. Recommendation: That you sign the attached memoranda to Mr. McFarlane and the Intelligence Community. 

Attachments:
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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SUBJECT: 1984 Annual National Assessment of the Hostile
Intelligence Threat and US Countermeasures [redacted]

1. SIG-I Directive No. 1 dated 5 August 1982 assigns to the Community Counterintelligence Staff, Intelligence Community Staff (CCIS/ICS), the responsibility for preparation for the National Security Council (NSC) of an annual assessment, required by NSDD-2, of the relative threat to US interests from intelligence and security services of foreign powers, and of the effectiveness of US countermeasure activities. [redacted]

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2. The annual assessment, most recently published in December 1983, is a valuable document for national-level consumers as an overview of the threat and our countermeasures thereto. I view continued production of a comprehensive assessment an important tasking levied upon the Intelligence Community by the NSC. [redacted]

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3. Submission of the 1984 assessment has been necessarily delayed because of Community and CCIS preoccupation with the hostile presence options issue. In addition, however, there have been some tardy and incomplete inputs which also contributed to this delay. I recognize that Community agencies have been tasked frequently over the past two years in publication of numerous studies of counterintelligence and countermeasures interest. [redacted]

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4. Therefore, this year's assessment will be published in March 1985 as set forth in the attached revised schedule. This adjustment will return the assessment to its original publication schedule, which was altered because of the Capabilities Study of July 1982 and other Community studies. [redacted]

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5. CCIS will distribute a draft assessment based on those inputs which have been received to date. Contributors will be asked to update their submissions and furnish comments on the draft. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] Chief, CCIS/ICS, may be contacted on [redacted]
[redacted] if you have any questions. [redacted]

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/s/ William J. Casey

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REVISED SCHEDULE
1984 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT--FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE THREAT
AND US COUNTERMEASURES

18 January	First draft distributed
11 February	Comments received
22 February	Coordination draft distributed
1 March	Comments received
8 March	Final draft distributed
14 March	Final comments received
29 March	Assessment published

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